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STOPPAGE OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the demand made for providing stoppages of 9303/9304 Ratlam-Bhopal Intercity Express at Khuchrad in Ratlam Railway Division stoppage and of 2465/2466 Indore-Ranthumbore Express at Vikramgarh Alot in Kota railway divisions and to extend the 193A/194A Jaipur-Kota-Shamgarh passenger train upto Ratlam; and

(b) the details of the facilities provided at Shamgarh-Ratlam and Ratlam-Ujjain railway sections under the above mentioned railway divisions in Railway Budget for 2008-09 with a view to increase the passenger facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Stoppages of 9303/9304 Ratlam-Bhopal Intercity Express at Khachrod & 2465/2466 Indore-Jodhpur Ranthambhore Express at Vikramgrh Alot have been examined but not found commercially justified. Extension of 193/193A/194 Shamgarh-Kota-Jaipur Express upto Ratlam has not been found operationally feasible at present.

(b) Following train facilities serving Shamgarh-Ratlam and Ratlam-Ujjain sections have been announced in Railway Budget 2008-2009 :-

New Trains : 1. Surat-Muzaffarpur Express (weekly)
2. Indore-Udaipur Express via Ratlam (Tri-weekly)

Increase in Frequency : 2947/2948 Ahmedabad-Patna Azimabad Express - from weekly to bi-weekly
All minimum essential amenities have already been provided as per norms at railway stations on Shamgarh-Ratlam section and Ratlam-Ujjain section. Further, augmentation of passenger amenities at railway stations is a continuous process and is undertaken through Annual Works Programme depending upon availability of funds, other relative priorities and increase in passenger traffic. Moreover, following enhancement of passenger amenities is planned :

(i) Upgradation of all low and medium level platforms at ?B? category stations;

(ii) Upgradation of existing low level platforms to medium level and existing medium level platforms to high level at ?D? category stations;

(iii) Provision of some platform shelter at all ?D? category stations;

(iv) Provision of platform shelter (size 250 sqm to 500 sqm) as per requirement at ?B? category stations and

(v) Provision of foot over bridge at all ?B? and ?D? category stations having high level platforms.